

**Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
Friday, March 10, 2017**

The State Board of Education met Friday, March 10, 2017, in the Arkansas Department of Education Auditorium. Chair Mireya Reith called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Present: Mireya Reith, Chair; Dr. Jay Barth, Vice-Chair; Joe Black; Diane Zook; Ouida Newton; Susan Chambers; Brett Williamson; Charisse Dean; and Johnny Key, Commissioner.

Absent: Dr. Fitz Hill and Meghan Ables, 2016 Teacher of the Year.

Recognition

Dr. Clara Carroll, Harding University, said today we celebrate 22 new National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT). She said 119 teachers renewed their certification this year. She said National Board Certified Teachers know how to teach and have certified that they are exceptionally qualified. She said these teachers know how to meet the needs of students, parents, and community. She said this is the highest recognized credential for teachers. She said it matters because it was created by teachers, for teachers, and monitored by teachers. She encouraged the educators to mentor other teachers. She said NBCT is an opportunity for advocacy.

Assistant Commissioner of Educator Effectiveness and Licensure Dr. Ivy Pfeffer said it was an honor to recognize the National Board Certified Teachers. She said these educators join the group of approximately 3000 National Board Certified Teachers in Arkansas. Dr. Pfeffer introduced each National Board Certified Teacher and presented a NBCT pin. Commissioner Key and Dr. Gotcher presented certificates to the following educators:

Ms. Sharon Cox, Malvern School District
Ms. Carolyn Cross, Russellville School District
Ms. Candace Crumbly, Cabot School District
Ms. Patricia Drake, Nettleton School District
Ms. Pamela Gent, Little Rock School District
Ms. Jane Mohr, Rogers School District
Ms. Jacqueline Smith, Decatur School District
Ms. Karia Sprague, Springdale School District
Ms. Erin Staples, Fort Smith School District
Ms. Ruth Taylor, Shirley School District
Ms. Jamie Tozer, Lonoke School District
Ms. Maria Walker, Lonoke School District

The full list of the 22 National Board Certified Teachers is available on the ADE website http://www.arkansased.gov/public/userfiles/HR_and_Educator_Effectiveness/NBPTS/New_NBCTs_01_07_17.pdf.

Commissioner Key said the Department is so proud of the work of the National Board Certified Teachers. He said each educator has demonstrated excellence throughout the learning process and he encouraged each teacher to continue leadership and mentorship of the profession. He thanked the family members and the ADE team for the support.

Board members expressed appreciation to the educators and asked them to speak about their experience.

Ms. Patricia Drake, Nettleton School District, thanked the State Board for supporting Arkansas teachers. She said this certification will help her family and will be a model for her students.

Ms. Jane Mohr, Rogers School District, said her district champions NBCT. She said NBCT is something that she did for herself that will encourage her students. She said her students worked through the process with her and were invested in her progress. She said the scholarship was very helpful in pursuing the certification. She said the bonus was also very helpful and needed. She thanked the Board for championing teachers.

Ms. Jacqueline Smith, Decatur School District, said education was very important to her family. She said NBCT was a personal goal. She said she wanted to be a better teacher and model for her children, students, and others. She said recognition of accomplishment is overwhelming but very important.

Dr. Pfeffer said these educators help us all remember why we chose the profession of teaching. She thanked Department staff Ms. Barbara Culpepper and Ms. Vanessa Holt for their work.

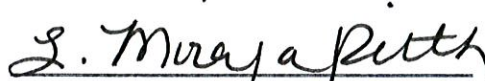
Adjournment

Ms. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. Black, to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman



Johnny Key, Commissioner



Mireya Reith, Chair